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REPLY TO EXAMINER'S ACTION

In reply to the Examiner's Action mailed March 5, 2002, Applicants make the following amendments and remarks.

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AMENDMENTS

Please amend claim 39 as follows:

39. (Amended) A fermentation composition comprising a fermentation micro-organism and at least one mineral-rich or mineral-enriched yeast, wherein said mineral is a divalent metal, which is provided by the yeast to the fermentation micro-organism in an effective amount.

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